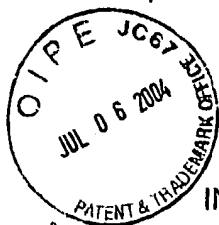


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RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is filed in response to the Office Action dated 4 May, 2004 (paper No. 6) in conjunction with the above-captioned patent application. By the following applicants hereby amend the claims and submit a Rule 132 Declaration, of Dr. Jean-Rene Larocque, in support of these claims. Please reconsider this application in view of these claim amendments and remarks herein, and further in view of the Rule 132 Declaration.